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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Recovering Boarding Charges from such of the Boarders of the Sri Narasimharaja Hostel, Bangalore, as are able to pay.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. A. 5. 8504-998 of 27-28, dated 28th August 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, in the matter of recovering boarding charges from such of the boarders of the Sri Narasimharaja Hostel, Bangalore, as are able to pay.

ORDER No. E. 1655—EDN. 115-31-2, DATED 31ST OCTOBER 1931.

The Director reports that in connection with the question of recovering boarding charges from such of the boarders of the Sri Narasimharaja Hostel, Bangalore, as are able to pay, he issued instructions to the authorities of the hostel to satisfy themselves about the capacity of the boarders to pay before making admissions in June 1931, and that subsequently the President of the Hostel submitted the following proposals, which he (Director of Public Instruction) approved:—

(i) that parents or guardians of the boarders might for purposes of admission to the hostel be considered as well-to-do, fairly well-to-do or poor according as their income exceeded Rs. 50, or lay between Rs. 50 and Rs. 20 or was less than Rs. 20 per mensem respectively,
(ii) that boarding and other charges be recovered in full from the well-to-do boarders,
(iii) that the half of the boarding and other charges be recovered from the fairly well-to-do boarders,
(iv) that lodging be free in either of the above cases,
(v) that "poor" boarders be maintained free of cost as heretofore.

Later on, however, the President of the Hostel sent modified proposals recommending that boarders whose parents pay a land assessment of Rs. 50 and upwards a year or get a monthly income of more than Rs. 50 be considered as "well-to-do" and that in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding between paying and non-paying boarders, no 'well-to-do' or "fairly well-to-do" boarders be taken into the hostel, admission being restricted only to poor students.

The Director is not in favour of the modified proposals and prefers to adhere to his original order. Government agree with the Director.

R. RANGA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Reduction of Subsistence Allowances and Stipends to the Students of the School of Engineering.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 2079-80—Edn. 63-26-34, dated 25th August 1927, sanctioning the grant of subsistence allowances as noted in the margin to the Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering students of the School of Engineering, Bangalore and directing that the allowances need not be given to non-scholarship students undergoing training in Bangalore.

Rs. 15 per mensem in and outside Bangalore, but within the State.
Rs. 25 per mensem outside the State.

2. Government Order No. D. 10363-4—Edn. 1054-27-4, dated 8th April 1929, directing that the allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem referred to in the Government Order read above be given to all Mysorean non-scholarship students of the Engineering School, while they are undergoing training at Bangalore.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. D.3-3846-235 of 30-31, dated 18th September 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction, recommending, among other things, sanction for the reduction of the allotment made for subsistence allowances and stipends to the students of the School of Engineering by 75 per cent as proposed by the Retrenchment Committee.

ORDER NO. E. 1689-90—EDN. 318-30-26, DATED 4TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Sanctioned.

R. RANGA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Working of the Archæological Department.

READ—

Report on the working of the Archæological Department for the year 1928-29, received from the Registrar, Mysore University, with his letter No 3413, dated 1st August 1931.

ORDER NO. E. 1844-55—UNI. 34-30-5, DATED 16TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. The Report has been received very late. It is hoped that such delay will be avoided in future.

3. Arthasastra Visarada Vidyalankara Dr. R. Shama Sastri, B.A., PH. D., (Cal.) who held the Directorship of the Department from 1922, went on leave from 5th October 1928, preparatory to retirement and finally retired from service on 6th February 1929, after a total service of about 29 years. Government record with pleasure their appreciation of the valuable service rendered by him in the field of Archæology.

4. Dr. M. H. Krishna, M.A., D. Litt. (Lond.), Professor of History, Maharaja's College, Mysore, was appointed Director on 6th February 1929, in addition to his own duties. There was no other change in the staff of the Department during the year.

5. The Director toured in parts of the Mysore, Hassan, Kadur and Chitaldrug Districts in connection with the conservation and study of ancient monuments and for selecting suitable sites for excavation. His Assistant tourned in parts of the Tumkur District to collect inscriptions and make a survey of other antiquities. The Architectural Assistant and the Travelling Pandit surveyed ancient monuments and collected inscriptions and manuscripts in the Shimoga, Kadur, Hassan, Chitaldrug and Mysore Districts. A detailed survey of manuscripts was made during the year in parts of Tirthahalli, Nagar, Chikmagalur, Mudigere, Channarayapatna, Kadur, Chitaldrug and Hiriyur Taluks. An important activity of the Department during the year under report was the excavation of the Chandravalli site near Chitaldrug, which has been highly productive of finds. The introductory pages and notes on the trial excavations only have now been published, but it is hoped to issue with the next report a description of the main excavation and a detailed and fully illustrated statement of the finds.

The number of monuments newly surveyed and studied during the year is more than 20, the most important architectural discovery being a beautiful Hoysala Temple at Agrahara, Belaguli, Channarayapatna Taluk. The total number of records collected during the year was 120 which mostly belong to various famous Dakhan Dynasties like the Gangas, the Chalukyas, the Yadavas, the Hoysalas and the Vijayanagar Emperors. A copper plate grant received from Kolhapur, and deciphered with considerable difficulty is said to have yielded exceedingly valuable information about the early Rashtrakuta Empire of the 6th Century A. D. The oldest and the most interesting of the epigraphical discoveries was a rock inscription of the Kadamba Mayura Sarman in prakrit language and Brahmi characters which is said to have thrown new light on the condition of the Dakhan in the 3rd Century A. D. A separate chapter has been devoted in the report to the numismatic studies which had been suspended by the Department for many years. The most important work of this nature done by the Department during the year under report was the unearthing and study of a large number of very ancient coins in the course of the excavation at Chandravalli. Eight manuscripts were examined during the year.

At the invitation of various bodies, the Director and the members of the staff delivered more than 20 lectures on historical and architectural subjects at Mysore, Bangalore, Chitaldrug and Belgaum, several of these having been illustrated with lantern slides.

Government are pleased to record their appreciation of the work done by the Department during the year.

R. RANGA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Royalty on Gravel at annas two per 100 cubic feet.

READ—

Letter No. C. 564—91-92, dated 28th September 1931, from the Revenue Commissioner, requesting sanction for levying a uniform rate of royalty on gravel at annas two per 100 cubic feet and for having it added to Appendix 'A' to Land Revenue Rules.

ORDER No. R. 1966-77—L. R. 141-31-2, DATED 5TH NOVEMBER 1931.

The recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner is sanctioned. Orders will issue separately regarding the amendment of Appendix 'A' in accordance with this order.

B. T. KESAVA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

Working of the Sericultural Department for the year 1930-31.

READ—

Report on the working of the Sericultural Department during the year 1930-31, received with letter No. D. 4 per 1931-32, dated the 5th October 1931, from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.

ORDER THEREON No. D. 2335-44—SERI. 19-31-3, DATED 16TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. The year was very unfavourable for the expansion of the Silk Industry in Mysore owing to the abnormally low prices that obtained in the case of both silk and